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THE SMOKE EVIL AND ITS COST.

In a recent article Iron Age, discuss-
ing the smoke evil, and smoke
losses, urges upon all manufacturing
communities the adoption of the
following rules as desirable from
both the health and the economic
viewpoint.

1. Education of all firemen so that they will fire intelligently.
2. The installment, wherever practicable of automatic stokers or appliances such as blowers and steam jets for thoroughly mixing a proper proportion of air in the furnace.
3. Laws and ordinances, reasonable, sufficiently rigid to make offenders against the smoke laws feel that they cannot offend with impunity.
4. The creation of an intense and widespread public sentiment, based on intelligent knowledge of the baneful effects of the smoke plague which morally will compel men to respect public opinion in that regard.

In support of its position Iron Age gives some facts and illustrative figures, which are as interesting and as convincing as to the enormous "cost of smoke" as they will prove astonishing to the average reader. Here is a "key" from which to estimate annual smoke losses as furnished by four of our large cities:

Annual loss in Cleveland \$6,000,000
Annual loss in Cincinnati 8,000,000
Annual loss in Pittsburgh 10,000,000
Annual loss in Chicago 17,000,000

These estimates were based on reports made by college professors and "smoke experts," delegated by the cities named to investigate the subject and who devoted months to their work.

Our "technical" contemporary also quotes H. M. Wilson, chief engineer of the experiment station of the United States Bureau of mines, at Pittsburgh, as declaring that the smoke nuisance costs this country \$600,000,000 a year. "The damage done annually in the large towns of the United States by smoke," concludes Mr. Wilson, "would build in every city of 100,000 inhabitants in this country a structure equal to the congressional library. There would be left over enough to maintain the army and navy for the current year—and then plenty left after that to build the capitol in Washington."

The figures above given have, it is stated, relation entirely to "financial losses."

Caught in molten slag at Dora Iron Furnace, Mack Whitaker was roasted to death at Pulaski, Va.

Hard Shell Crabs at Rammel's Cafe.

PENALTY OF GREATNESS.

Representative Carlin Takes to The
Timbers.

A correspondent of the Richmond
Times-Dispatch says:

Sir:—The National Government is very much interested in that part of the Old Dominion adjacent to the National Capitol, known as Alexandria county. The great military cemetery of Arlington, with its thousands of dead heroes of many wars and prospective resting places of many others who have not yet passed away, is here located, together with the military post at Fort Myer, where many large appropriations have been placed. The territory contains inhabitants who have petitioned the national authorities to again place them in the District, that they are dissatisfied with the fostering care the present State government is giving them, but they desire to expand so that they will become national in scope and have at their back the unlimited national resources that Congress and the United States Treasury carry. Of course this territory is part of the Eighth Virginia District, represented by the able and courteous gentleman, Charles Creighton Carlin, who has been known to get up in the middle of the night to help constituents, and his good nature has so increased the string of office-hunters on his trail that he had to locate his office in the "rafters" of the House Office Building in order to attend to his official business without so much interruption. It has been said that he has more callers than President Woodrow Wilson.

So, you see, it isn't good to be too popular, unless you own a flying machine and know how to operate it. However, I suppose it would relieve Mr. Carlin considerably if the persistent job-hunters could be subtracted without multiplying his chances of running behind the necessary number of votes to return him to his "deskless seat" in Congress. He represents 150,799 people, according to the 1910 census, and about 35,000 of them would not refuse to be put on the government pay-rolls, so you will applaud his diplomatic move of locating his office in the "rafters" of the office building, with a narrow "trap-door" leading to it. The "merit system," of course, helps a little."

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SMILES.

By The Second Ward Bard.

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Young Willie Hobbs is here no more, from earth he's gone away, His departure was quite sudden, it's too bad he couldn't stay, He was so young and healthy, if he wasn't, otherwise, That it's downright sad he's called to build his mansion in the skies.

He was not racked with whooping cough, mumps did not treat him so,

No measles spotted up his hide, croup did not lay him low, No infantile paralysis assailed his childish frame, On no disease that's known to us the doctor's lay the blame.

Just how this dissolution came about so suddenly,

When you have learned the facts it will be easy quite to see, For Willie Hobbs came home one day straight from the village school And tickled with a stick, the left hind-foot of Grandpa's mule.

They laid him in the church-yard and they built his tomb-stone high, And on it facts were written as to how he came to die, To give the proper reason for his quick demise they tried, So they wrote "Here lies our Willie Hobbs, he died of suicide."

There is many a fellow who would be a well-to-do man today, if it were not for his motor-car.

It is a bit chilly watching our door moving picture shows these nights and B. E. S. is showing a commensurate wreath in smiles. But it is the guy with the last laugh who will have the nickels when the summer is over. We are consumed with excitement over the outcome.

The Queen of Hearts, she made some tarts For the King and court to eat. She thought that they would prove to be

A most delightful treat. The Queen was newly-wed, you see Her cooking didn't suit, The King and court died quickly with Indigestion quite acute.

DIED.

DeVAUGHAN.—Suddenly, on Monday, May 19, at 10 a. m., of apoplexy at the residence of his son, S. D. DeVaughan, 315 S. Pitt St. SAMUEL P. DeVAUGHAN, beloved husband of Lizzie C. DeVaughan, (nee) Simmons, aged 77 years, 4 mos., and 14 days. Funeral from Methodist Protestant Church, on Wednesday, May 21, 5 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. (Winchester papers please copy.)

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